

# FOCUS ON FILLING

Spring 2025

*At the Heart of Everything We Do are the Relationships We Build - with each other and with those we serve. This issue honors the dedicated team members whose years of service have built not just careers - but deep, lasting friendships - like Ross and David that you see here!*





# Lutheran Ministries of Mercy

## In Every Season, We Serve

Springtime and Easter season, with its focus on renewal and new life, offers a powerful opportunity to reflect on how we can serve others. In the Gospels we see Jesus repeatedly serving others, whether it was healing the sick, comforting the brokenhearted, or offering forgiveness to those in need. His actions remind us that serving others is not merely an act of kindness, but a profound way to live out the love of God.

For many of the people served by our ministries, changing seasons may otherwise pass unnoticed, overshadowed by daily and sometimes overwhelming struggles. Yet, simple acts of kindness by staff, volunteers and donors, carry a profound message of love and compassion. These friends are driven by the knowledge that their contributions make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. They know that service to others is not a seasonal act, but an on-going commitment.

As we reflect on the joy and impact of this season, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers, donors, and staff whose dedication and generosity make everything possible. Your unwavering support has touched countless lives, and your commitment to serving our community goes beyond the holiday season. Whether through your time, resources, or hard work, each of you has helped create meaningful moments of hope and connection, and for that, we are deeply thankful. Together, we've made a difference, and we look forward to continuing this journey of compassion and service in the months ahead. Thank you for being an essential part of our mission.

Sincerely,

*Terri Rodriguez*



Lutheran Ministries of Mercy met in March for the annual meeting of its three affiliates, Filling Homes, Luther Home of Mercy, and Lutheran Social Services of Northwest Ohio. The gathering took place at the Pinnacle in Maumee and was well attended by more than 120 congregation delegates, Board members and LMM and affiliate staff members.

We greetings from Bishop Daniel, Rev. President Wilson, Board Chair Juli Lejman-Guy, Bishop Chester Trail and LMM President Terri Rodriguez.

Our keynote speaker, Ohio Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson reminded all of us to love our neighbors, to walk in Hope and to do our part to live the Gospel of Christ.



Terri Rodriguez  
LMM President and CEO

*Remember that the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows generously will also reap generously.*  
—2 Corinthians 9:6



## Foundation Strategy

Under the leadership of volunteers, each of our affiliates has an independent Foundation that promotes the programs and services of that agency. Using investment strategies, these volunteers manage and distribute funds for our affiliates to use to fulfill mission goals. We would like to thank these dedicated Filling Homes leaders for sharing their time and treasures.

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*Filling Homes, Luther Home of Mercy and Lutheran Social Services of NWO are working together under the Lutheran Ministries of Mercy umbrella to share resources. These combined efforts allow us to foster hope, create change and meet the needs of individuals and families in our care. Visit our website at [lutheranministriesofmercy.org](http://lutheranministriesofmercy.org) to learn more.*

## A Message from Carol Slight

### Vice President, Filling Homes

#### Honoring Growth and Gratitude

Spring greetings to you all as a season of renewal, reflection and new beginnings is upon us. Soon, Filling Homes Community Gardens will have seeds sewn for an abundance of flowers and vegetables to bloom, a bountiful gift not only from the earth but from the care and dedication of those who tend it. We are grateful for the collaborative energy that makes our gardens flourish and are excited for the season to come.

Just as our gardens thrive through care, and time, so too does our organization. It is nurtured by the hands and hearts of our staff who serve with purpose. We are especially grateful for those who have dedicated years of service to our mission, helping it grow stronger with each passing year. And in this spirit of gratitude, we also prepare to honor the retirement of our respected Director of Mission Advancement, Jean Cohrs, whose leadership has made a lasting impact on the people we serve, their families and our community.

As we celebrate the years of service of many of our staff, we are reminded that our mission is made possible by the dedication of so many. Your support and commitment ensure that we can continue to provide life-changing services to those who rely on it – and we thank you for being a part of our journey. I am comforted knowing that together, we will continue making a meaningful difference.

Blessings,

*Carol Slight*



#### Leadership Team

**Carol Slight**  
Vice President



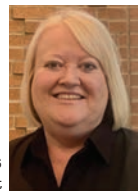
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**Jenny Borgelt**  
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**Jean Cohrs**  
Director of Mission Advancement



## The Garden of Laughter and Joy

Cathy Dennison's "Garden of Laughter and Joy" is located on the front lawn of Filling Homes base facility. This gift from Mary Ellen Nerod, Cathy's loving mother, is meant to give back to Filling Homes as a thank you for the exceptional care that Cathy received while residing here.

The garden stands as a tribute not only to her memory, but also to the many people whose endless compassion and care helped create a true home - Filling Home.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" - 1 Peter 4:10*



## Years of Service - Celebrating Longevity

Filling Homes held the annual Years of Service event this past February. LMM President and CEO Terri Rodriguez and Filling Home Vice President Carol Slight thanked each employee for their dedication and presented them with a monetary gift, the amount determined by their years of service. The celebration was a wonderful opportunity for staff to be recognized by their peers and supervisors. Everyone enjoyed light snacks and cupcakes from local businesses Mama Mirs Kitchen, and The Cakewalk and punch made especially for the event by Filling Homes Dietary Supervisor, James Travis.

**Twenty-six employees** were recognized during the event, including Kelli Eitzman, Support Services Supervisor, who celebrated 40 years! Jean Cohrs, Director of Mission Advancement and Donna Bailey, Direct Support Professional, were also recognized for 30 years. Additionally, those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years were also recognized.

**The group totals over 500 years of service!** The mission of Filling Homes is dependent on individuals like these recognized here to ensure the best care of residents and clients and we are proud of their accomplishment and dedication to those we serve.



LMM President and CEO, Terri Rodriguez along with Filling Home Vice President, Carol Slight, pose with Kelli Eitzman, Support Services Supervisor, during the annual years of service recognition event honoring Kelly for 40 years at Filling homes!

Director of Mission Advancement, Jean Cohrs was honored for 30 years of service and stands in between Terri Rodriguez and Carol Slight during the recognition service.



Tiffany Mohler, Lisa Thayer, Tina Leaders, and Pastor Denise Brown (not pictured) celebrated 25 years!



20 years of service: Susann Sheaffer, Tonya Wagner, and Jackie Eagleson (not pictured).



15 years of service: Anna Norris, Bridgett Eash, Lisa Rodriguez, Kathleen Binning; Jodi Maxi and Debbie Morlock (not pictured)



10 years of service: Back row: Katie Acree, Emily Nardone, Anita Martz Front row: Karen Schultz, Amber Hahn and Taelor Lather, not picture is Darianne Plotts



5 years of service: back row: Jessika Clymer, Miranda Sawyer, Brenda Kintner, George Kintner Front row: Tye Eitzman, Tony Adams, Tina Fox



## In Loving Memory of Pastor Don



It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved Executive Director Emeritus, Pastor Donald L. Wukotich.

Pastor Don retired in 2017 after having spent just over 31 years guiding our ministries. He was much more than a leader—he was a visionary, a mentor and a true champion of our mission. During his lifetime of service, he led with compassion, integrity, humility, and an unwavering commitment to our community. Under his leadership, our organization grew both in impact and in heart, and his legacy will continue to inspire all those who follow in his footsteps.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family and all who have been touched by his extraordinary life. We are grateful for the time we had with Pastor Don and will honor his memory by carrying forward the work he so deeply cared about.

## The Donald L. Wukotich Scholarship Recipients Awarded

Six employees from the Lutheran Ministries of Mercy agencies were awarded the Donald L. Wukotich scholarship in 2025. Four of those winners were from Filling Homes and three attended the LMM Annual Meeting where they were recognized.

This scholarship was established to honor former LMM President and CEO, Pastor Don. It is available to all of the LMM agencies' employees and is intended to encourage education in careers relevant to the LMM ministries.

Pictured are Board Chair Rev. Juli Lejman-Guy, Danielle Cummins, Jacob Herold, Espn Paxton and President & CEO Terri Rodriguez.



## Henry County Officials Tour Filling Home

We recently had the opportunity to tour a group of Henry County Officials through the base facility of Filling Homes. We are very grateful for their time. The visit allowed a firsthand look at Filling Homes, bringing awareness to the services we provide that enhance the lives of those we serve.

The group enjoyed lunch at the Abilities Bistro before Jean Cohrs, Director of Mission Advancement, gave a presentation and overview of the services we provide. We wrapped up the visit with a base-wide tour then Q&A. We are grateful for the opportunity and truly thank them for all they do for Henry County - and for their support of Filling Homes.

While talking with the group, FH Vice President Carol Slight, said how important the relationship is between Filling Homes and the County Officials, as they are the voice for us with legislation and state representatives, which is important for Filling Homes in regards to funding.

We are proud of our facilities and invite you to reach out to us if you would like to learn more about our history, our campus and our programs - [info@fillinghome.org](mailto:info@fillinghome.org) or call us at 419-599-6451 to schedule a tour!



Above, Carol Slight talks to the group in the Atrium. The tour ended in the Hanson Therapy Pool.



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WE SINCERELY THANK OUR FRIENDS WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY.

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The Dollar Tree in Napoleon donated and delivered beautiful balloons to Filling Homes base campus for the Valentine's Dance. The gym was decorated wonderfully and we thank them so much for the donation.

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## More Choices, *More Smiles*

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to person-centered care - and nowhere is that more evident than in our Dietary Department at the base campus. Every day, our dietary team works with intention and compassion to meet the diverse nutritional needs of those we serve. From specialized diets to personal food preferences, the goal is always the same: to offer meals that nourish the body while honoring individual choices and dignity.

As we continue to grow in our approach to individualized care, exciting plans are underway to enhance some equipment and storage space. These updates will expand the variety of food/snacks, giving our clients more choices and easier access to it. With better tools, we can better serve, offering more options that reflect the tastes, needs, and enjoyment of each person at the table.

To help guide this next step, Dietary Supervisor James Travis recently attended the Gordon Food Service Show and it was a valuable opportunity to explore the latest in food trends, nutrition, and equipment. He returned inspired, full of fresh ideas and practical insights to incorporate into our weekly menus, like a plant-based steak and different soup flavors. From new ingredients to improved preparation methods, the goal is clear: to continue raising the standard of care, one meal at a time.



## Developmental Disability Awareness Month

Throughout the month of March we celebrated Developmental Disabilities Awareness. Whether it's supporting businesses that employ individuals with disabilities, promoting inclusive education, or simply taking the time to learn more about the experiences of those with disabilities, every action makes a difference. Throughout the month, Filling Homes shared many stories of opportunities, inclusion and empowerment like this:

Meet Rylee! She cherishes visits to her home with her custodial parents Deb and Joe. She enjoys live music, particularly from her favorite musical artist, The Girl Named Tom, having attended several of their concerts. She has traveled to Morgan's Wonderland in Austin, Texas, and has had the opportunity to meet iconic characters such as Mickey and Minnie in Anaheim, as well as Elsa and Anna in Disneyland. She also had a memorable experience when the band Sidewalk Prophets performed for her.

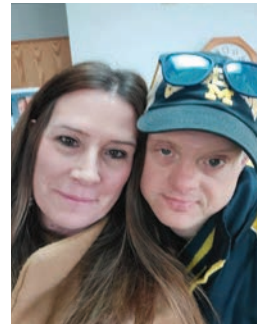
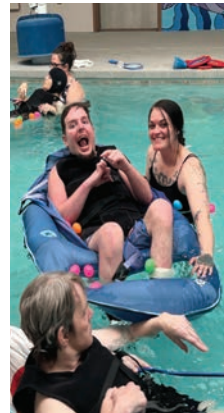
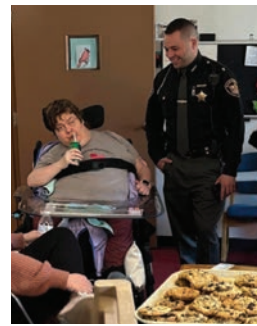
The importance of understanding and supporting individuals with developmental disabilities extends far beyond that one month, and we invite you to learn more about Filling Homes programs and services by contacting us directly, following us on social media, or visiting us!





# MISSION

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## Buddy Bowling 2025

River City Bowl-A-Way was the place for Buddy Bowling in February! 80 individuals teamed up with 32 volunteers and many Filling Homes staff for a morning of fun!

Thank you Randy Schweiger, the Tinora Rams Radicals, Thrivent Action Teams, all of the volunteers, the drivers of many vans to transport Filling Homes residents and clients, Randy Barnes, Domino's Pizza, and all who were there for making this a successful event once again!

A special thank you to Filling Homes' Sarah Jackson for her hard work organizing this event!



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### Supported Living & Adult Day Services Needs List

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Sticky Notes  
Printer Paper  
Pens/Sharpies  
Tape  
White Out  
Coffee  
Peanut Butter  
Wheat Flour  
Paper Towels  
Planting Pots

Watercolors  
Acrylic Paints &  
Markers  
Paint Markers  
Sketch Pads  
Frames  
Dish Soap  
Washcloths  
Aprons  
Hair Dryers  
Cactus/Plant Potting  
Soil

Jiffy Organic Seed  
Starting Mix  
Travel Size Hand  
Sanitizer  
Hand Lotion  
Paint Brushes  
Blank Canvas – Any Size  
Fresh or Dried Flowers  
Laundry Detergent  
Toilet Paper & Tissues



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